

Peter Chin Is New SUPP President, Richard Riot Is Deputy President
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KUCHING, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Peter Chin Fah Kui, 66, has been announced as the new president of the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) when he won unopposed after his challenger, Datuk Seri Wong Soon Koh, boycotted the election process for the 24th Central Committee (2012-2014) was held at the party headquarters today.

Chin, who is the Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water, said he was thankful to the delegates for giving him their trust to continue to lead the second biggest Barisan Nasional (BN) component party in Sarawak.

"I'm happy with the election today and certainly my task after this will be more challenging to rebuild the strength of the SUPP, and I will also go down on the ground to meet with grassroots leaders," he told reporters, here today.

When asked on the fate of Wong, he said there were still several vacant posts in the Central Working Committee (CWC) and they might be offered to Wong and several of his followers if they were willing to accept.

He said he would personally try to get back to Wong's group who included the Lanang Member of Parliament, Datuk Tiong Thai King and the State Assemblyman for Simanggang, Datuk Francis Harden Hollis, Datuk Lee Kim Shin (Senadin), Dr Jerip Susil (Bengoh), Ranum Mina (Opar) and Dr Johnical Rayong Ngipa (Engkilili) to ensure that they remained loyal to SUPP.

He said the new CC line-up announced today was also important to continue the implementation of the transformation plan in the party as outlined previously.

"What is most important is to ensure that the SUPP remains in the BN to further strengthen the coalition at the state and national levels," he said.

Meanwhile, his deputy, Datuk Richard Riot said that his election in the party was an honour for the non-bumiputera members in the SUPP.

He said it was a new milestone for the party and certainly the focus now was to assist the president to resolve any internal problem and to prepare the party to face the 13th general election.

"To me, the party's internal problem should be resolved within the party and boycotting is not the best way to resolve any problem," he said.

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